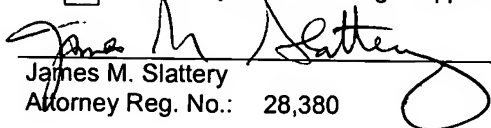




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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 7, 2006, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

This Paper includes Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.